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PHERICS IN BERLIN

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1. U.S. POLAD NELSON DURING INITIAL CALL ON SOVIET EMBASSY
MINISTER-COUNSELOR KHOTULEV DELIVERED RESPONSE TO SOVIET MARCH
6 PROTEST ON LEGAL ISSUES (REFS A-E). KHOTULEV SAID IN REPLY
THAT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER ALL THE LAWS INVOLVED AND THAT HE
WOULD STUDY THE ALLIED REPLY. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE
ALLIED REPLY REJECTS THE SOVIET PROTEST BY MEANS OF FORMAL LEGAL
ARGUMENTS. KHOTULEV SAID SOVIETS ARE NOT AGAINST PROCEDURE
FOR TAKING OVER LAWS IN WSB, AND THAT THE PROCEDURE WAS
APPARENTLY FOLLOWED IN THESE CASES. SOVIET PROBLEM CONCERNS
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THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LAWS IN QUESTION. THE ALLIES SAY THEY
HAVE PROTECTED THEIR RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO STATUS AND
SECURITY; HOWEVER, THE LAWS IN QUESTION CONCERN MATTERS
OF STATUS AND SECURITY. KHOTULEV CONCLUDED THAT THE
SOVIETS WOULD REPLY "IF NECESSARY" TO THE ALLIED REPLY
AFTER STUDY. HE COULD, HOWEVER, CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIETS
COULD NOT ACCEPT THESE LAWS AS LEGALLY SOUND.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET PROTEST OF APRIL 19 CONCERNING THE MEETING IN BERLIN OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRG LANDTAGS ON APRIL 20-21 (REFS F-I), POLAD SAID THAT THE ALLIES COULD CONFIRM THE STATEMENT MADE IN REPLY TO THE PROTEST AT THE TIME BY CHAIRMAN POLAD GLADSTONE (UK). KHOTULEV AGAIN AFFIRMED THE SOVIET RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION. IN THE MEANTIME HE WISHED TO CONFIRM THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 19.

3. IN FRIENDLY DISCUSSION, KHOTULEV SAID THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED UPON FALIN'S REPLACEMENT IN BONN. HE EXPECTED THE DECISION SOON. HE CONFIRMED THAT QA EXPERT KVITSINSKY WOULD BE GOING TO BONN AS MINISTER. HE ALSO SAID THAT MIKHAIL MIKHAYLOVICH NIKOTIN WOULD BE TYUTYUNOV'S REPLACEMENT AS EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY CHARGED WITH WEST BERLIN MATTERS. (NIKOTIN HAS SERVED SEVERAL TIMES IN BONN AND WEST BERLIN, LEAVING A GOOD REPUTATION BEHIND.) KHOTULEV REGRETTEED THAT TYUTYUNOV HAD LEFT IN LATE JULY A BIT SOONER THAN EXPECTED. HOWEVER, BOTH TYUTYUNOV'S NEW EMPLOYER, THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND TYUTYUNOV HIMSELF FOR PERSONAL REASONS WANTED THE MOVE TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KHOTULEV SAID THAT TYUTYUNOV WOULD BE WORKING ON BERLIN MATTERS AMONG OTHER THINGS AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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4. KHOTULEV CAREFULLY MADE POINT THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THE NEW POLAD THAN HE HAD OF HIS PREDECESSOR DURING THE PAST YEAR WHEN HE, KHOTULEV, HAD BEEN VERY BUSY. HE ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE NEXT LUNCH BETWEEN ABRASIMOV AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, FIRST SUGGESTING SEPTEMBER AS A TIME. HE LATER SUGGESTED SOME TIME IN OCTOBER WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WOULD BE BACK IN GERMANY ONLY ON SEPTEMBER 11 AND HAD A BUSY SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN. KHOTULEV ALSO SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING NEW US MINISTER ANDERSON, WHOM HE KNOWS FROM THE QA NEGOTIATING PERIOD. KHOTULEV'S EMPHASIS ON HIS DESIRE TO MEET MORE FREQUENTLY WITH HIS US COUNTERPART AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT AN AMBASSADORIAL LUNCH TAKE PLACE ONLY THREE MONTHS AFTER THE JULY 21 LUNCH, COMBINED WITH THE LOWER-LEVEL SOCIAL CONTACTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING IN RECENT MONTHS, ALL USG GUEST THAT WHATEVER THE WORLDWIDE STATE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS, THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO SEEK CLOSER CONTACT WITH US OFFICIALS IN BERLIN.
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